# HIGH COUNCIL

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In the 23 century planet CANDEREL is the hub of the GALACTIC FEDERATION .The
Royal parliament building stands between the old palace and the new CANDEREL university,
The building is in the center of a jungle , a circular oval with a blue tinted lattice canopy and red circular walls ..
GRAHAM STRINGER and TULA REECE ,broadcasting throughout a GALACTIC FEDERATION start the show as ambassadors arrive from from their residences on rapid transit tube, resin molded carriages on train tracks convertible for when it rains, controlled from geostationary orbit on MANTA space station ,through the jungle .All councillors meet once a month, to allow news agencies and spectators in.
The opening ceremony is announced on tannoy speakers throughout the building and broadcast to the GALACTIC FEDERATION and DRACONIAN EMPIRE .
GRAHAM STRINGER GOSH, some of these ambassadors look like my wife before she plasters her foundation in the bathroom mirror .
TULA REECE CHAMPION .Citizens can interact on touch screen bulletin boards to participate in debates .
They are escorted in by KALDOR police in their blood red uniform, with silver moon boots white shoulder pads and flowing white cape , who show them to there commentary box, as king LOFTY the WISE and his party step up onto a raised stage below a sandy yellow

velvet curtain .
GRAHAM STRINGER And now the ambassador from MAGRATHEA steps in front of the high council of the GALACTIC FEDERATION, dominated by an oblong glass table with a FLEUR DE LIS persian rug underneath , in front of a sandy yellow velvet curtain .
SONDAR presents this years journal of MAGRATHIA to the high council ,and then walks to the far side and sits on a chrome and wicker chair .
TULA REECE Viewers might remember that MAGRATHEA is the birthplace of human civilization .
Played out on news feeds on 8ft monitors in front of the sandy yellow velvet curtain is a documentary following the SEARCHERS voyage to MAGRATHEA .
Left of KING LOFTY sits SCIENCE TECHNICIANS on chrome and wicker chairs below an oblong glass table .
SCIENCE TECH POTASSIUM Some of this journal will have to be censored .
KING LOFTY Just give us a brief overview .
GRAHAM STRINGER Ambassador BROCK you say you come from a perfect society . SCIENCE TECH CASTAN LAGO CAN I HAVE A DRY SHERRY .
A V-O-C robot in their familiar light green fibre costume, brings a crystal decanter on a silver tray up to the ambassadors and pours for LAGO .
CASTAN LAGO With respect, Minister.There are more pressing matters. The protein incubators are increasing their yield, and I've also had requests for robot harvesters that will pick and pack fruit and vegetables untouched by human hands .
SCIENCE TECH POTASSIUM The same technology will make a car that drives itself.
KING LOFTY with his wife SELINA and MOVER POUL gets up and walks across a lemon tiled carpet and down in front to stand before all assembly .
KING LOFTY Well if there's no more business it leaves me to start the lottery .
TULA REECE Some of the lower grade workers can go to ARCADIA and TREADMILL pleasure planets .
While tannoy speaker announces the end of the show ,CARNEL steps onto the stage and joins COMMANDER MAXELL and his adjudicators , who escort the color coded robed ambassadors from their blue crushed velvet padded seats through the dress circle and

out of the parliament citadel onto a crazy paved surround with the twin moons reflecting moonlight from CONDOM, star of CANDEREL .
They are escorted bu MAXELL and his ADJUDICATORS in the blood red uniform , with silver moon boots and flowing white cape over a central plaza onto a rapid transit conveyor, a perspex resin plastic carriage,to take them back to MANTA and PROMETHIUS residency on the shores of CANDEREL.
ADJUDICATOR GINGER steps into an open carriage and pilots them through market gardens, past ornamental fountains from a river inlet, landscaped with large sandstone boulders and tropical pants to PROMETHIUS, with CYPRUS CORNERS ,on the right .
COMMANDER MAXELL messages ADJUDICATOR GINGER on his wrist communicator.
MAXELL I'm going to CATSPAW. Eastbourne wants a fight with the DRACONIAN EMPIRE , and I've asked for more pursuit ships from the space patrol.
GINGER And what of the SPACE PATROL ?
MAXELL They are patrolling the neutral Zone, and will be ordered to warp to MAGRATHIA ,with ambassadors to help protect the birthplace of human civilization from our enemy .I've a retirement cheque for COMMANDER CORBETT .
GINGER Say hello to LOGAN. ROSS, MIKE RIVERS, and JASMINE .
MAXELL Lofty says I can requisition federation pursuit ships from the SPACE PATROL to defend convoys traveling to distant planets , throughout the galactic federation .
MAXELL gets into a travel tube moves through a perspex ground tube along the ground past a tropical garden with sandstone boulders and mountain streams towards CATSPAW .
Elsewhere a travel tube comes out and stops on the central plaza of PROMETHIUS residency on the shores of CANDEREL and ambassadors clamber out of carriages and over to the glass fronted reception across a lemon tiled carpet of the skyscraper .
Science technician VEER enters his penthouse suit and activates a roaring fire on a central pillar while walking across a persian rug into the bathroom .And then over to the basin and turns the taps on relieving himself in the urinal only to be stung by an arc of electricity pining him to the floor .
A large green squid like creature rolls over a tube of **GERMALIN ANTICEPTIC** tm out of a bath onto the prone figure and starts sucking his life energy ,altering its body cells to take on the human

form .
Moments later the sliding door of the bathroom opens and a V-O-C robot enters, placing headphones on this on the temples of the prone body activating it , placing another tube of **GERMALIN ANTICEPTIC** tm in the bath ..
The mind-brain interface gives the figure the hive mind of **SPACE RAIDERS** tm and orders for data theft .
The changeling of SCIENCE TECH VIR comes out of the bathroom wearing a maroon bath robe and over to an oblong glass table, sitting on a sandy yellow corduroy sofa and retrieves blueprints from an android viewing slab, then transmits the data to **SPACE RAIDERS** tm high command .
He then follows his V-O-C robot out of the apartment, along the charcoal grey tiled carpet, to the elevator and down to the ground floor, then through a service tunnel. past air conditioning and utility pipes to the back exit.
They push a trolley carrying the body of SCIENCE TECH VEER in the woods behind PROMETHIUS residency ,on the shores of CANDEREL to dispose of the body.
Meanwhile Adjudicator TOWNSEND escorts ambassadors over to MANTA residency, a high rise building dominated by Roman columns and stone steps leading through sliding doors of reception and across a maroon marble floor past display cases containing sports trophies to the security office . He uses an entry coder to get into the security office we're adjudicators in full costume are at their booths monitoring commercial traffic.
TOWNSEND I'm checking in for my next assignment .
STEVENS If you can escort mine workers from CATSAW to the woods around PROMETHIUS I can give you the prefix code for the AMBASADORS reception on KALDOR .
TOWNSEND Fine, I'm just going to take my break and then I'll meet the mine workers near the open city .
He leaves the security office and walks over a maroon marble floor with janitors in navy blue trousers and sweatshirt buffing and polishing ,and enters a metallic tube.
The travel tube deposits him in his residency and he walks into the bathroom and turns on a tap. He reaches for some medicated soap and is stung by a powerful arc of electricity, pinning him to the bathroom ceramic tiled floor . A green giant squid creature slides across a tube of **GERMALIN ANTICEPTIC** tm and crawls over him sucking his life energy.

$H^2O$ = too much meat and not enough vegetables .

The creature merges with TOWNSEND the cells reforming into an exact replica of him down to the brown chestnut hair and sideburns. Minutes later a V-O-C robot ambles across the ceramic tiles in its light green fiber costume and attaches an electronic device to his temples with a hive mind of the SPACE RAIDERS.A hybrid human looking like ADJUDICATOR TOWNSEND walks out in a purple bath robe across a persian rug past a roaring fire into his lounge to a blue fabric sofa .
He operates the communication console asking monitor for all the prefix codes to all dimension gates throughout the entire galactic federation and transmits to SPACE RAIDER central command.
He then opens the door to allow sv7 in pointing to an area on the map for burial to help v32 to push the dead body along maintenance tunnels wrapped in a blue tarpaulin .
He then dresses in his blood red KALDOR POLICE uniform, blood red with silver moon boots and a flowing floor length white cape , and uses a remote control to turn off the life support system and open fire in the central brick pillar , before walking to a metal cylinder and alighting a travel tube .
The travel tube takes him to the town of CATSPAW and his meeting with the COMMANDER MAXELL .